

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/591,140 Electronically filed by Tracy L. Bruesewitz on October 5, 2009.  
Confirmation No. : 4288  
Applicant(s) : Philip Wilson Howard et al.  
Filing Date : 1/8/2007  
Title : BIARYL AMINO ACIDS AND  
THEIR USE IN DNA BINDING  
OLIGOMERS  
TC/A.U. : 1626  
Examiner : Valerie Rodriguez-Garcia  
Docket No. : 065435-9083-US00  
Customer No. : 23510

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 6, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks presented below. This response is timely filed before the deadline of October 6, 2009, and appropriate fees are filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.